



The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

October 17, 2023

Dear Governor Hochul,

On July 10, New York State experienced torrential rainfall that washed away roads, bridges, and homes. This 1,000 year flood was described as [“complete chaos”](#) and at least one Orange County resident was killed. Then, on September 29, New York City experienced another record-breaking rain event, throwing the city into chaos and causing extensive damage. These supercharged storms are a direct result of climate change, which causes more intense rainfall and increased coastal flooding.

We appreciate your critical emergency response and leadership, though much more is needed than addressing these events after they occur. Real climate action looks like policies that disarm the climate bomb that’s driving these devastating impacts. We welcome the opportunity to work with you in proactively ending the expansion of dirty and outdated fracked gas infrastructure that is warming our planet and causing these damaging floods and health-harming pollution in the first place. **That’s why we’re urging you to include the New York Home Energy Affordable Transition (NY HEAT) Act in your FY 2025 state budget.**

[NY HEAT](#) would accelerate New York's transition off the climate-killing fossil fuels that increase greenhouse gas emissions and cause public health and environmental crises like the fossil-fuel induced floods and other extremes we experienced this summer.

It’s not just a save for the planet, but for New Yorkers’ pocketbooks.

NY HEAT would save all New Yorkers \$200 million annually by ending the 100-foot rule that forces everyday New Yorkers to subsidize the expansion of the gas system. It will also allow utilities to redirect the \$150 billion that it will cost to complete planned gas pipe replacements over the next 20 years, and instead invest in neighborhood-scale building electrification. It would also save low- and middle-income families money – up to \$75/month – on their energy bills by capping them at 6% of household income. These would be significant savings for families that already spend three times more of their income on energy bills than other households.

We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with you on this legislation to ensure New York is a leader in addressing climate change. Now is the time to act. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices if we can be of any assistance in furthering this important goal.

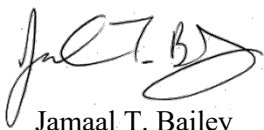
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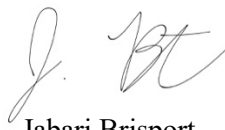
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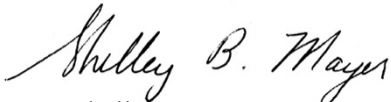
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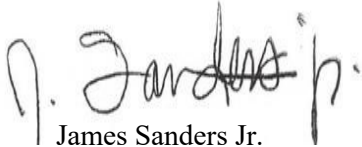

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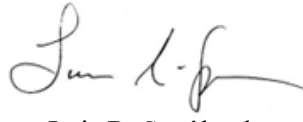

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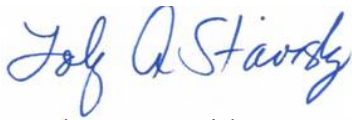

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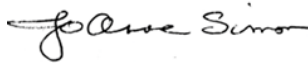
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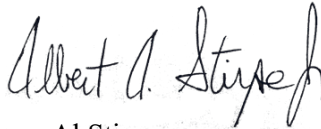
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